

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-27, 30 and 39-59, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend Claims 28, 29 and 31-38 to read as follows:

1-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) A liquid discharge recording head ~~according to Claim 1, wherein said liquid discharge recording head is installed~~ mountable on a liquid discharge recording apparatus ~~provided with~~ including a wiping blade for wiping ~~the a~~ facing end of said orifice plate ~~by moving relatively in a state of being in contact with said facing end, and provided with~~ liquid discharge recording head having an opening for discharging ink, said liquid discharge recording head comprising:

a main body;

an orifice plate mounted to said main body of said liquid discharge recording head, said orifice plate being provided with a facing end; and

an extrusion protruding from the facing end of said orifice plate provided in the a vicinity of an edge portion of said orifice plate on the an upstream side in the with respect to an advancing direction of the wiping blade when the wiping blade makes sliding contact with the facing end of said orifice plate, said extrusion protruding from the facing end of said orifice plate.

29. (Currently Amended) A liquid discharge recording head according to Claim 28, wherein no extrusion is formed to protrude from the facing end of said orifice plate on ~~the other~~ any location of ~~said a~~ front face of said recording head main body other than the vicinity of said edge portion of said orifice plate on the upstream side in with respect to the advancing direction of the wiping blade when the wiping blade makes sliding contact with the facing end of said orifice plate.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) A liquid discharge recording head according to Claim 28, wherein a curved face or an inclined face is formed on ~~the a~~ ridge portion ~~having the~~ of said extrusion, an outer wall of said extrusion on the upstream side in with respect to the advancing direction of ~~said the~~ wiping blade and ~~the a~~ ceiling end of said extrusion intersecting with each other at said ridge portion.

32. (Currently Amended) A liquid discharge recording head according to Claim 31, wherein said curved face or inclined face is formed to allow ~~the a~~ tip end of ~~said the~~ wiping blade to be in contact therewith when ~~said the~~ wiping blade begins to move in the advancing direction.

33. (Currently Amended) A liquid discharge recording head according to Claim 28, wherein ~~the a~~ width of said extrusion in ~~the a~~ direction orthogonal to the advancing

direction of ~~said the~~ wiping blade is formed to be wider than ~~the a~~ width of ~~said the~~ wiping blade, and ~~said the~~ wiping blade is structured to be able to be in contact with said extrusion over the entire width ~~thereof~~ of the wiping blade.

34. (Currently Amended) A liquid discharge recording head according to Claim 28, wherein cleaning means ~~is arranged~~ for cleaning ~~the a~~ wiping face of ~~said the~~ wiping blade is arranged on the upstream side of said extrusion in with respect to the advancing direction of ~~said the~~ wiping blade.

35. (Currently Amended) A liquid discharge recording head according to Claim 28, wherein the advancing direction of ~~said the~~ wiping blade is a direction ~~in~~ parallel to ~~the an~~ alignment direction of ~~said a~~ discharge port array of said orifice plate.

36. (Currently Amended) A liquid discharge recording head according to Claim 28, wherein the advancing direction of ~~said the~~ wiping blade is a direction orthogonal to ~~the an~~ alignment direction of ~~said a~~ discharge port array of said orifice plate, and ~~the a~~ width of said extrusion ~~in the a~~ direction orthogonal to the advancing direction of ~~said the~~ wiping blade is formed to be larger than ~~the an~~ entire length of said discharge port array.

37. (Currently Amended) A liquid discharge recording head according to Claim 28, wherein a plurality of ~~said~~ discharge port arrays are arranged in parallel on said orifice plate, and said extrusion is formed individually for each of said discharge port arrays.

38. (Currently Amended) A liquid discharge recording head according to Claim 28, wherein a plurality of ~~said~~ discharge port arrays are arranged in parallel on said orifice plate, and said extrusion is formed individually for each of a plurality of discharge port groups ~~to that~~ discharge liquid of ~~one~~ and the same kind.

39-59. (Canceled)